

SANDERS ESTES UNIT

Venus, Texas



Client: Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Location: Venus, Texas

Contract Duration: Contract Award: November 7, 2003. Contract period: January 16, 2004 to January 15, 2007 with (2) one year options expiring 01/15/09.

Background

The GEO Group, Inc was awarded a contract for the operation and management of a 1,000 bed correctional center. The objectives of the facility are:

- To provide a high degree of rehabilitative services to offenders;
- To provide offenders with programming to address risk and need areas as indicated by comprehensive evaluations

Scope of Work

The facility is designed to focus on offender rehabilitative programs to the fullest extent possible. The GEO Group networks with local, state and federal resources to maximize the amount of programs available to the offenders. The program scenario balances the need for facility security with offender rehabilitation. Each offender is engaged in a balanced and full-time mix of employment, employment training, education and counseling. The GEO Group provides programs that have the goal of reducing recidivism. To

accomplish this goal the following programs include as basic components.

- Education
- Vocational Training
- Pre Release/Life Skills
- Project RIO

Facility Description

The overall design of the facility allows for direct line-of-sight observation, which is further enhanced by a CCTV System. Facility design allows for cost-effective utilization of security staff and thereby allows for enhanced programmatic activities without significant budgetary impact. By design, the 1,000-offender population is manageable cohesive groups. Design and construction range in techniques from normal office or educational facility type construction, the secure housing units are multiple occupancy cells, with a single cell occupancy secured housing unit. Program areas include classrooms, a general and legal library, teachers' areas and support space. A gymnasium, vocational shops, a maintenance shop, a central kitchen and dining hall, central laundry facilities and medical facilities are included

Accreditation

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accredited the facility in October 2006.